

<u>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

n re Application of:

Henner W. Meinhold et al.

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Examiner:

Vo, Anh T. N.

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Title: Sensor For Detecting Droplet Characteristics

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final office action mailed on November 3, 2003 (hereinafter the "last office action").

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: